

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 26, 2024  
**Location:** 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

Live Stream Can be Found at the Following Link:  
Website: <https://www.georgetowndel.com/live-stream.htm>

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Zoom Meeting ID: 828 2987 3155

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**TOWN COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Bill West, Mayor  
Christina Diaz-Malone, Ward One  
Tony Neal, Ward Two  
Eric Evans, Ward Three  
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager  
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor  
Diana Ramirez, Administration  
Ralph Holm, Chief of Police

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Diaz-Malone to call the meeting to order. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

Town Manager Dvornick presented the information on the proposed referendum for a new police department and public works facility.

Topics Discussed:

- Current Facilities
- Project
  - Location, Site Plan, Schematics, Design
- Project Funding
  - Power to Borrow, Estimated Cost and Resources, Impact on Residents
- Referendum
  - Special Election, Sample Ballot, Informational Sessions
- Questions/Comments posed from Council
  - Councilman Evans
    - Is this to purchase new vehicles as well or just the building?
      - Dvornick: This is for infrastructure and furnishings, not police vehicles.
  - Councilman Barrett
    - Who owns the property?
      - Dvornick: The property is currently owned by Sussex Enterprises

- How many impact fees are waiving to pay for this property?
  - Dvornick: there will be a negotiation on the land that will take place after the successful referendum
- Expressed concern with the cost being more than what we are projecting
- Councilwoman Diaz-Malone
  - Commented on the need for a new police department and public works facility
- Councilman Neal
  - Commented on the need for a new police department and public works facility. Also stated that we need to work together to come up with a better solution
- Councilman Evans
  - We need to think about the growth of the Town. If the Town is going to grow, then we need to expand our facilities.
- Mayor West
  - Commented on the need for a new police department and public works facility. Also stated that the Town is continuing to grow.
- Questions/Comments posed from Public
  - Maria Hammond
    - What will happen with the current buildings? Will they be crossing the highway in their lawn equipment?
      - Dvornick: They will be keeping the equipment at the current location
  - Linda Dennis, 4 Huckleberry Drive
    - Commented that Milton will not be using their water and sewer reserves any more. This may be something Georgetown needs to do.
    - Concern with the proposed location with respect to emergency vehicles crossing the highway with traffic and the new bypass that is coming.
    - Requesting the Town does not use the same Board of Elections members that have been used in the past and they appoint new members for the Referendum. Also stated Town employees should not be involved in the administration of the election.
  - Sue Barlow, East Laurel Street
    - Expressed concern with the proposed location
  - Jon Peterson, 304 North Bedford Street
    - Spoke in support of the Resolution for a new police department and public works facility
  - Angela Townsend, 20293 Ennis Road
    - Stated there is a need for a new facility for both Police and Public works but expressed concern with the proposed location.
  - Adam Buczkowski, 200 South Bedford Street
    - Commented on the impact of property taxes
    - Commented on other factors that may be causing our employees to leave Georgetown, not the buildings they work in.
  - Gordon Mariner, 106 South Front Street

- Complimented all of the groundwork done on the presentation.
- Questioned if there was room at the existing Public Works building to expand rather than relocating.
- Expressed concern with the proposed location
- Clayton Townsend, 20293 Ennis Road
  - Expressed concern with the proposed location
- Chief Holm
  - Stated the officers are in a vehicle that is equipped to do everything on the road (paperwork, reports, etc.)
  - Addressed a few of the concerns brought up about the location

### 3. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

#### A. RESOLUTION #2024-03 PROPOSING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$18,000,000 MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION AND PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING WITHIN THE TOWN AND ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Evans to table the resolution until the first meeting in October.

#### Vote

Councilwoman Diaz-Malone, Ward 1:	Yea
Councilman Neal, Ward 2:	No
Councilman Evans, Ward 3:	Yea
Councilman Barrett, Ward 4:	Yea
Mayor West:	No

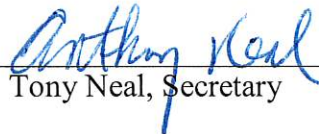
**Motion Carried (3 yeas, 2 no)**

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

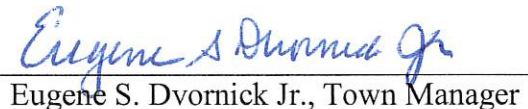
Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Evans to adjourn at 8:05pm.

**Motion carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:

  
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Tony Neal, Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager